



Thank you for praying for and with MCF. We hope this prayer calendar assists you to pray for Defence related issues. The calendar includes international and national prayer concerns and those of MCF groups in Australia and other nations, and other Christian Military Ministries.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." Luke 2:10-15 (NIV)

Please send prayer points to the Prayer Coordinator: Dr Daniel Solomon (daniel.solomon3@defence.gov.au)

3 Dec 23

- ✚ Thank God for the successful Defence Christmas Dinner held in Adelaide on 25 November, which was attended by 25 people who were blessed by an inspirational talk on God's creation by Dr Brendan Kirby. Praise God for all the personal testimonies on God's goodness at this event from serving and former ADF members, the wider Defence community, and their families. Thank God for the vital role of MCF in the lives of these people, and also for the SA State MCF Representative organising this event.
- ✚ Pray that MCF can be represented at Welcome Events in 2024.
- ✚ Praise God for the truce in the Israel-Hamas conflict. Thank God for the release of some hostages by Hamas, and pray that these hostages recover from their very difficult ordeal. Pray for the wellbeing of the remaining hostages and that they will be released soon.

Pray for the families of the hostages that have died. Pray that peace will come soon in the region

- ✚ Thank God that none of RAN divers exposed to acoustic transmissions from the sonar of a Chinese destroyer were killed or seriously injured. Pray for the injured divers to have a full and speedy recovery. Pray for God's protection over all who work to protect Australia's interests.

10 Dec 23

- ✚ Pray for the war in Ukraine to end and peace to be restored in this country. Pray for the recovery of those injured in this war and for the families of those who have been killed in the conflict.
- ✚ Pray for all Church carol services across Australia, that people will draw closer to God and several people will commit their lives to God.
- ✚ Pray for God's wisdom and guidance to all MCF Representatives organising Christmas events in their workplace and how best each MCF can reach out to their colleagues with the Christmas message. Pray that God will touch the

hearts of people in the workplace at these events.

- † Give thanks to God for the production of the book on MCF-A's history through the eyes of Russell Bielenberg. Give thanks for Russell and Helen's commitment to producing this book and for their long years of service to Christians in Defence. Pray this book will be well received throughout Defence and beyond, and that MCF-A will continue to be a faithful witness to all in Defence and grow stronger going forward.

17 Dec 23

- † Pray that God will provide us all with opportunities for sharing the gospel with our colleagues, and that God will provide us discernment on how best to share the gospel with them.
- † Pray for those finishing off their postings and need to relocate for their new postings. Pray for their families as well, as they undergo significant change.
- † Pray for a relaxing, refreshing and enjoyable Christmas holiday period. Pray for God's protection on the roads as people travel on holidays.

- † Pray for the ADF personnel deployed overseas who will be spending Christmas away from their families. Pray for their families as well.

24 Dec 23

- † Thank God for sending His one and only son Jesus Christ into the world, so Jesus could pay the ultimate price for our sins and rise again so we could have eternal life.
- † Pray for all Christmas services across the country. Pray that more people will realise and celebrate the true reason for Christmas, and that many people will seek God in earnest this Christmas. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to invite people to our Churches for Christmas Services.
- † Pray that God will help us to be bold and courageous in sharing the Gospel in the Christmas celebrations we have with our families and friends.

31 Dec 23

- † Praise God for answering our prayers in 2023. Thank Him for His faithfulness, love, kindness and mercy.

- † Thank God for all His blessings in 2023, for giving us a job, health, family, friends, a home and a wonderful country to live in. Let us spend time reflecting on what God has done for us in 2023, and thank Him for His goodness.

- † Pray for those who have lost colleagues, family members or friends during 2023, and are struggling with grief or loneliness.

7 Jan 24

- † Thank God for the start of a new year. Pray that God will show us what plans and goals we should have for the new year, in our work and personal lives.
- † Pray for all those starting new postings, for them to smoothly settle into their new roles.
- † Pray for the MCF stalls at Defence Welcome Events across the country. Pray that many people will find out about the MCF through these events and many people will join an MCF group in their workplace.

† Pray for commanders, managers and supervisors to righteously lead and manage their staff.

14 Jan 24

† Pray for Australia's economy. Pray for those struggling with the increase in cost of living.

† Pray for the MCF Executive and Council members, that God will guide them on the strategy to employ in 2024 and all decisions they make during the year.

† Thank God for the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF), the Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service (ACCTS) and all the MCFs around the world. Pray for God to bless them and greatly prosper the work they do. Pray for MCFs in even more countries.

† Thank God for all the Chaplains in Defence. Pray that they will get more opportunities to share the Gospel with those in the workplace.

21 Jan 24

† Pray for new APS members joining Defence in 2024, in particular as

Defence increases the size of the APS. Also, pray for people joining the ADF in 2024.

† Pray for more MCF Representatives, so the MCF can minister to more areas within Defence and more Defence sites across the country. Pray for more MCF Members, so more people can be encouraged and blessed by the MCF eNews.

† Pray for MCF Representatives as they plan their MCF program and activities for 2024. Pray for them to obtain favour in their workplaces for advertising their meetings, so people in their workplaces can hear about their meetings and be drawn by the Holy Spirit to these meetings.

† Pray for the MCF finances, that God will provide the necessary finances to achieve the work that needs to be undertaken. Pray for more Centurions, who will partner and sponsor the work of the MCF.

28 Jan 24

† Thank God for missionaries around the world, who take the Gospel to the ends

of the earth. Pray for their protection and for the provision of all their needs.

† Pray for families with school children as schools commence for the new year. Pray in particular for children joining a new school, that they would make new friends.

† Thank God for our allies, in particular the US and UK. Pray for Australia's relationship with our neighbours, in particular with China.

MCF PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we thank you
that the blood of Jesus Christ
cleanses us from all sin.
Bless the service men and women
of all nations
and grant that we who know the joy
of being all one in Christ Jesus
may be filled with your love
and pass it on to others
until His coming again.

Amen